

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for supporting a keyboard, comprising:
a frame member having an upper end and a lower end; and
5 means for attaching the upper end of the frame member to
a monitor such that the lower end of the frame member extends from
a lower portion of the monitor to support the keyboard.

10 2. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame
member is configured to extend from a rear surface of the monitor,
at a point at which the upper end is attached to the monitor,
toward the lower portion of the monitor and continuing to extend
from the lower portion of the monitor outward and away from a front
surface of the monitor.

15 3. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame
member is substantially C-shaped.

20 4. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame
member is configured to move from an extended position to a
retracted position.

25 5. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a
tray attached to the lower end of the frame member for supporting
the keyboard.

30 6. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame
member is configured to be selectively positioned at an ergonomic
angle.

7. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the attaching means further comprises means for rotatably attaching the frame member to the monitor to facilitate changing an angle of the keyboard with respect to the user.

8. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member comprises at least one elongated tubular member.

9. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the keyboard is split along a longitudinal axis to allow the keyboard to fold along the longitudinal axis.

10. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the keyboard is supported in a location adjacent to the monitor.

11. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a ramp attached to the frame member between the upper end and the lower end.

12. The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the frame member is retractable in a vertical direction to support the keyboard in a position above a surface of a desktop.

13. A monitor configured to store a keyboard, the monitor comprising:

a display screen housing;

a support frame attached to a rear portion of the display screen housing for supporting the display screen housing at a distance above a desktop, wherein the display screen housing and the support frame define a channel therebetween; and

means for supporting the keyboard at least partially within the channel formed by the display screen housing and the support frame.

5 14. The monitor as recited in claim 13 further comprising means for removably attaching the keyboard to the monitor.

15. The monitor as recited in claim 13 wherein the channel has a width which is greater than a thickness of a keyboard.

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